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ATTACHMENTS:

- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with 1. authorization to charge filing-extension fees to deposit account
- Response-Amendment After Final with Request for 2. Extension

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to Deposit Account 03-3975 (Order No. 073618-0259567).

[X] Applicant is entitled to claim small entity status			Large/Small Entity	Total A	
Total Claims Presented:	80				
Total Claims Previously Paid For:	77.				
Difference:	(3)		x \$18 x \$ 9	27.00	8
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Request for Extension

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time from November 27, 2003 to the date hereof to submit this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 03-3975 (Order No. 073618/0259567) for the requisite three-month small entity extension fee of \$475.00.

This is a response to the Final Rejection Office Action mailed August 27, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

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